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09/783,556	02/15/2001	2614	K. Sakurai, et al.
10/664,918	09/22/2003	Unassigned	M. Ogura, et al.
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A copy of each cited Application is enclosed.

#### REMARKS

Japanese Patent No. 9-246517 cited at page 2 of the specification was previously filed in an Information Disclosure Statement filed October 27, 2003. An English translation of the Japanese document is now available and presented herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

#### FEE STATEMENT

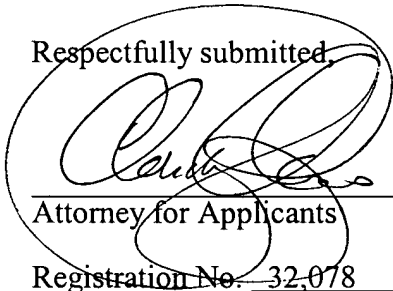
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#### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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